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FOREWORD

Preface

Here is the information needed to conduct a proceeding in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Counsel are assumed familiar with it. The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure are current as of the date of issuance of this volume. Be sure to check for any later amendments.

Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure not applicable in this court are indicated by strike-overs. Cite these rules as Fed. R. App. P.

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Practice Notes

Practice Notes are in ruled boxes and are printed in this type. Practice Notes follow the rule annotated. Counsel may rely on the notes but may not use them to avoid controlling statutes or rules, which govern in the event of conflict. Do not cite the notes.

Appendix of Forms

Forms prescribed by the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and selected Federal Circuit forms are an appendix to this volume. Forms are also available from the clerk.

Guide for Pro Se Petitioners and Appellants

The Guide is located at the end of the rules. It provides an alternative method for conducting a proceeding in this court for those not represented by counsel. Do not cite the Guide.

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The court's rules provide the grounds for disciplining members of the bar, the types of discipline, and the procedures to be followed.

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